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September 3, 2002

Chairman Getman
and Commissioners Downey, Knox and Swanson
Fair Political Practices Commission
428 J Street, Ste. 620
Sacramento, CA 95814

Re: September 5, 2002 Commission Meeting
Agenda Item #15

Dear Chairman Getman and Commissioners Downey, Knox and Swanson:

With the State Budget now adopted, it has been brought to my attention that all State agencies have been asked to submit a plan to cut expenditures by 20% in fiscal year 2003-04. It is my understanding that this may impact services that FPPC provides to the professional municipal clerk as well as to the novice candidate running for office. It is also my understanding that you will be discussing this on September 5. Unfortunately, I am unable to attend that meeting to participate in this discussion; therefore I am submitting this letter to request that you take it into consideration during your decision-making process.

I am currently the City Clerk in Hayward and have been in the City Clerk profession for almost eighteen years. During those years, I learned about the Political Reform Act and served as the filing officer for campaign statements, as well as Statements of Economic Interest for designated employees. In reviewing the memo from Chairman Getman and Executive Director Krausse dated August 26, 2002 to the Commission, I would like to point out that cuts to some of these programs will certainly impact City Clerks in our role as filing officers.

The hotline service is an essential service that is widely used by the City Clerk office to get responses in a tight situation or when time is of the essence. Realizing that sometimes forms and manuals can be intimidating to anyone who is not familiar with them, many times the City Clerk offers the direct line to new candidates for direct assistance as well as directs them to the next seminar. Your toll-free number and technical assistance advice line has been a godsend to City of Hayward filers as well as to new candidates.

I have been actively involved in designing programs and selecting speakers for educating City Clerks, Deputies and other city staff that include providing technical assistance in FPPC matters. Each time that I needed an expert speaker, FPPC was more than willing to provide that expertise. In the past six years, we were fortunate to have FPPC speakers at our City Clerks Association of California's (CCAC) Annual conferences, our annual League of California New Law and Election Seminars, the Northern California CCAC Nuts and Bolts seminars as well as at division meetings. At these seminars, the FPPC speakers were willing to provide their technical expertise and respond to individual questions. Part of the success of these

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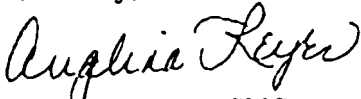
conferences can be attributed to the knowledge gained by the attendees, but more importantly the trainers' commitment to excellence.

This City has also sponsored seminars for both the candidates as well as designated employees with positive feedback after each session. Just recently, I attended a filing officer training session in Oakland sponsored by the County Clerk, where with all of my experience, learned another method for noticing when revising the Conflict of Interest Code biennially.

It would be detrimental to a new clerk as well as to a grass roots candidate that FPPC educational opportunities be eliminated. FPPC staff members as Lynda Cassady, Mary Ann Kvasager, Dixie Howard and Wayne Imberi are exemplary and you are to be commended for the improvements that they have made over the last few years. I strongly urge the Committee to please not eliminate these services.

Thank you in advance for your consideration.

Sincerely,



Angelina Reyes, CMC
City Clerk